

CLAIMS

1. A shaving apparatus, comprising:
 - a reservoir for storing a shaving aid material;
 - a razor cartridge having at least one razor blade; and
 - a valve selectively actuable by movement of the razor cartridge between a first position and a second position;wherein in the first position the valve permits passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir, and in the second position the valve substantially prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir.
2. The shaving apparatus of claim 1, wherein the valve comprises a spring-loaded plug element and an orifice, the spring-loaded plug element and the orifice being cooperable to permit or prevent the passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir.
3. The shaving apparatus of claim 2, wherein the spring-loaded plug element is disposed on a stem.
4. The shaving apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a manifold in which the stem is axially translatable.
5. The shaving apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a seal member disposed adjacent the stem.
6. The shaving apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spring-loaded plug element is a ball.
7. The shaving apparatus of claim 1, wherein the valve comprises a resiliently collapsible conduit and a gate, wherein the gate is normally biased against the conduit in a first position to prevent the flow of the shaving aid material from the reservoir, and is selectively movable to a second position wherein the flow of shaving aid material from the reservoir through the conduit is permitted.

8. The shaving apparatus of claim 7, wherein the conduit is a tube.
9. The shaving apparatus of claim 7, wherein the gate includes a leaf spring.
10. A valve for a shaving apparatus, comprising:
 - a plug element cooperably connected to a razor cartridge; and
 - an orifice in which the plug element is received;wherein the razor cartridge is movable between a first position and a second position such that the plug element permits passage of shaving aid material from a reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the first position and prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the second position.
11. The valve of claim 10, wherein the plug element is a spring-loaded ball.
12. The valve of claim 11, wherein the ball is disposed on a stem.
13. The valve of claim 12, wherein the stem is operably connected to the razor cartridge.
14. The valve of claim 10, wherein the plug element comprises a first plate engagable by a second plate.
15. The valve of claim 14, wherein the engagement of the first plate and the second plate is effected by the action of a spring operably connected to the razor cartridge.